HOUSE BILL 2143 By Jones S

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 1, relative to guardians ad litem.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-149(a), is amended by deleting subdivision (2) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

- (2) Any guardian ad litem appointed by the court shall receive training appropriate to that role prior to such appointment. For the purposes of this subdivision, the administrative office of the courts shall determine the standards for training guardians ad litem and shall publish a list, no less frequently than on a quarterly basis, of those persons who are currently trained and may be appointed as guardians ad litem.
- SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-1-149, is amended by inserting the following as a new subsection (c) thereto:
 - (c) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent a guardian ad litem who has been duly appointed from delegating work responsibilities to the guardian ad litem's employees in accordance with all other applicable standards regarding the delegation of work by attorneys.
- SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.